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Table 15.2: Medications Taken by Participants^{1,2}

Therapeutic or Chemical Category	Most Frequent Drug Ingredients (Percent)	Percent
Antigout	Allopurinol (1.1), colchicine (1.0), probenecid (0.4)	2.1
Antihistamines	Diphenhydramine (2.8), chlorpheniramine (1.6)	9.0
Antiinfectives		11.9
Antibiotics	Neomycin (1.3), amoxicillin (0.9), polymyxin-B (0.9)	6.3
Antimalarials	Quinine (2.5), hydroxychloroquine (0.4)	2.9
Other (antiviral, urinary)	Sulfamethoxazole (1.2), amantadine (0.6), sulfacetamide (0.4)	3.6
Antineoplastic	Tamoxifen (1.6), methotrexate (0.3)	2.4
Autonomic		33.8
Parasympathomimetic	Pilocarpine (2.6), pyridostigmine (0.1)	3.0
Parasympatholytic	Ipratropium bromide (3.9), atropine (1.9)	7.6
Sympathomimetic	Albuterol (4.7), pseudoephedrine (1.6)	8.9
Sympatholytic		20.9
Beta-blockers	Atenolol (6.4), timolol oph. (3.7), metoprolol (3.4), propranolol (1.6)	18.6
Alpha-blockers	Terazosin (0.8), prazosin (0.5)	1.3
Muscle relaxants	Cyclobenzaprine (0.4), methocarbamol (0.4), baclofen (0.2)	1.1
Blood formation and coagulation		19.5
Antianemia	Iron preparations (14.8)	14.8
Anticoagulants	Warfarin (5.3)	5.3
Cardiovascular		58.4
Cardiac	Quinidine (0.9), flecainide (0.3)	14.5
Antiarrhythmic	Digoxin (13.5)	1.9
Glycosides	Lovastatin (4.8), pravastatin (1.7), gemfibrozil (1.0), cholestyramine (0.5)	13.5
Antilipemic		8.6
Hypotensive		20.4
ACE-inhibitors	Enalapril (5.9), lisinopril (4.9), captopril (4.8), ramipril (0.7), benazepril (0.6), quinapril (0.5)	17.3
Other	Clonidine (1.4), methyldopa (1.0), reserpine (0.7)	3.6
Vasodilators		39.9
Nitrates	Nitroglycerin (15.7), isosorbide dinitrate (6.4), isosorbide mononitrate (0.6)	20.1
Calcium channel blockers	Nifedipine (9.7), diltiazem (8.2), verapamil (7.8), nicardipine (1.0)	28.0
Central nervous system		82.3
NSAID	Aspirin (36.9), ibuprofen (11.6), naproxen (3.8), nabumetone (2.2)	55.0
Opioid analgesics	Propoxyphene (4.4), oxycodone (1.7)	5.9
Analgesics and antipyretics	Acetaminophen (38.0)	39.6
Anticonvulsants	Phenobarbital (1.1), phenytoin (0.8)	1.9
Antidepressants	Amitriptyline (2.2), nortriptyline (1.7)	7.7
Benzodiazepines	Alprazolam (2.1), lorazepam (1.9), temazepam (1.3)	8.8
Dopaminergic	Levodopa (1.4)	1.4
Other	Caffeine (3.8)	7.1
Drugs affecting electrolytes		51.1
Replacements	Potassium (16.2), trace elements (12.0), calcium (4.1)	29.4
Diuretics	Hydrochlorothiazide (17.0)	38.9
Low-ceiling	Furosemide (17.2), bumetadine (1.8)	19.3
Loop	Triamterene (7.7), spironolactone (0.9)	18.9
Other	Sodium bicarbonate (0.9), lactulose (0.5)	10.1
Other		2.8
Gastrointestinal		42.6
Antacids	Calcium carbonate (8.1), magnesium hydroxide (7.0), aluminum hydroxide (5.8)	17.8
Cathartics	Docusate (6.6), phenolphthalein (3.6)	12.8
Antilulcer	Ranitidine (8.3), omeprazole (1.5), cimetidine (1.5)	14.5
Other	Psyllium (5.6), simethicone (4.4)	15.7

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Hormones		34.4
Corticosteroids	Prednisone (4.3), hydrocortisone topical (1.6), prednisolone (1.6), triamcinolone (1.0), dexamethasone (1.2)	9.6
Estrogens	Conjugated estrogens (6.2)	7.7
Antidiabetic		13.3
Insulins	Insulin (4.8)	4.8
Sulfonylureas	Glyburide (6.0), glipizide (1.7)	8.7
Progestogens	Medroxyprogesterone (1.5)	1.6

Thyroid gland		9.6
Thyroid agents		9.0
Antithyroid agents		0.4
Bronchial spasmolytics	Theophylline (4.9), oxybutynin (1.5)	6.5
Skin and mucous membrane agents	Beclomethasone (3.9), methyl salicylate (1.6)	10.6
Vitamins	Multivitamin preparation (19.1), vitamin C (8.1), vitamin B (6.7), vitamin E (6.1), vitamin D (3.1)	29.2

(Women's Health and Aging Health, baseline interview, 1992-1995)

¹ Information on medication use is missing for less than 3%. Results are based on non-missing information.

² A. Do you have any medicines prescribed by a doctor that you have taken or used in the past 2 weeks? Please include insulin and eye drops if you use them.

B. We are also interested in other medicines not prescribed by a doctor such as: aspirin, Tylenol, Bufferin, Anacin, headache pills or pain killers, laxatives, bowel medicine, cold medicine, cough medicine, sleep medicine, antacids or stomach medicines, vitamins, ointments, salves, or eye drops, or any other medicines from the drug store. During the past two weeks, did you take any medicine not prescribed by a doctor?

C. May I see the medicine bottles, containers or bags for all of the medicines that you have taken or used in the last two weeks? Please include medicine prescribed by a doctor and medicine not prescribed by a doctor. Please remember to include insulin and eye drops if you use them.